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Editors' Table.

THERE is probably no student who has not in the course of his collegiate course heard more or less about college spirit. There have been practical demonstrations of this spirit within our midst in recent years to which the mind of every Middlebury student reverts with pride. The good work and excellent record made last year by the Base Ball team and Glee Club were the direct results of loyal, energetic college spirit, practically demonstrated. It has been our lot to see within the last six months a remarkable interest and enthusiasm manifested by a portion of the students in regard to foot ball; we have seen this movement amount to practically nothing because of the lack of support from the students as a body. An opportunity was given to make a record in this line of athletic work, but it was not improved. Some men of best ability failed to take part in practice games because they would probably be unable to get a position on the regular team, others showed no interest because they had no love for that sport and others because other matters seemed to demand their time and energies. Still, there is not one of these who would not have found time and energy to have expended in a cause in which he was interested, nor any who would not have desired the aid and interest of their fellow-students in the support of that cause. College spirit must be liberal and harmonious in its workings; it must be hearty, loyal and wholly unselfish. That student who has his share of college spirit will ever be ready not only to do what he can in matters especially interesting and agreeable to himself, but will also feel under obligations to further in every possible way any organization whose success will redound to the credit and honor of the institution.

WITH the return of the college year comes the vision of a Debating Society; the same vision that made its appearance last spring, gave promise of materializing into a useful and vigorous reality and was last seen in the hands of a committee. Its desirability has been expatiated upon by the President, its advantages set forth from the chapel stage, and many have expressed themselves heartily in favor of such an organization. It seems to be generally understood that there is a good field for a debating society here and one which may with cultivation bring forth a rich harvest of advantage and profit. Every one seems to understand that he is prone to be more studious than intellectual, that it is his tendency to fill his head with matter without developing the ability to make forcible use of it and that it is desirable that he have the power to express himself in terse and forcible language regarding those matters concerning which he is privately attending and in which his mind is interested. In fact, everything seems to be ready for the organization of a Literary and Debating Society. It remains to be seen whether there are

men really and sufficiently interested to form and maintain such an organization or not.

PAST experience is the safest index to the future. Judging from the past, there is no good reason why there should not be a good Glee Club for the ensuing year. Every exhibition last year was of a high order and a pronounced success. This year returns all the members of last year's club, with one exception and brings new material from which to supply the deficiency. Several of the former members have been under the training of experts during the summer and all things indicate the possibilities of better work along this line than there has ever been before. Notwithstanding these facts no movement has been made thus far toward organization and it is reported that it has been decided there will be no Glee Club for the ensuing year. While it is undoubtedly true that last year's work was not a glowing success from a financial point of view, it is certain that it was nothing less from any other standpoint. As a representative of this institution, The Middlebury College Glee Club has exerted a wide influence; its service to its members in the line of experience, training and development has been of much value; it has been a matter of pride to every student, alumnus and friend of the college. If there is any one who has the ability to maintain or further the usefulness of this organization and does not exert it, he is not doing his duty by himself, by his fellow students, or to his col lege. If disinterestedness, laziness or any unworthy motive hinders its reorganization, it should be overcome and practice begin at once for coming concerts

THE decision of the Freshman class not to chal lenge the Sophmore class for a cane-rush seems to evidence at Middlebury the reform of college customs and to show regard for the remarks made by the President to the class in regard to this and other similar subjects. Though contrary to the custom of their predecessors when they were strong enough to feel hopes for victory, there can be no doubt about this being a step in the right direction. This practice is being done away with in many leading colleges and now Ninety-six has placed Middlebury among these who can get along without the annual rush and its attend ant consequences. We believe that those who brought about this state of affiairs deserve the commendation of their fellow-students. Hazing, which was common a few years ago, is now entirely out of fashion. The day is near at hand when all such customs as tend to engender strife and to cause unnecessary squabbles among fellow-students will fall into disrepute.

MORE thinking and less imitating is one of the greatest needs of the average student. Honest and sincere efforts to develop and express one's own mind in matters in which it is interested are worth more than the most skillful adaptations of borrowed thoughts or commonplace utterances regarding questions beyond one's scope. Perhaps this is a partial explanation for the excellence in point of interest and merit of recent oratorical productions. It is not half-hearted work of any kind, nor is it soarings after the infinite or divings after the unfathomable that the world of to-day wants or needs; it is the product of independent thought, feeling and action. Let the orations from the chapel stage be truly representative of their individual authors and our weekly rhetorical exercises will continue to be occasions of special interest and profit to all.

THE Young Men's Christian Association has been well attended since the opening of this year. It is to be desired that this may be kept up and that increased interest and attendance may result. This should be one of the most healthy and progressive organizations of any college. There is probably no place where better opportunities for doing good and helpful work are offered to such an association. This is especially true in regard to new students. Coming from homes and surroundings as many as they are in number, they start upon a life wholly new to them, inexperienced in the ways of college life, and so may be considered as especially susceptible to influences both good and bad. The Tuesday evenings of the association are beneficial not only from a moral and religious standpoint, but as a bringing together of students from the different fraternities and classes in Christian brotherhood for their common good. There is that about such gatherings that has done a great amount of good to a great many. There is that about our college Y. M. C. A. meetings which makes them to be highly prized by the conscientious student who attends them, whether a professing Christian or not. The usefulness and power of this organization promise to be greater than ever before. With greater zeal

and sincerity on the part of its members, many others will come to feel interested and concerned in its meetings.

THE SUNDAY NEWSPAPER.

And he sought to see Jesus, who He was, but could not, for the Press.—*Luke xix: 3.*

Of late years, one of the institutions of our so-called modern civilization has been claiming more than its share of attention—the Sunday newspaper.

Now the Sabbath may or may not be a day of special divine appointment, but it is divine in the high sense that it a human necessity. Not only to the nervous temperament of the Yankee, but down to the dullest ox there comes this need of a day's rest in seven. Sunday horse-cars and railroad trains have but emphasized this need, and in most cases have for it increased forces or help. The wise employer will give his men and beasts a day of rest in a week and make money by it.

And it is upon this day, so much needed for bodily repose and calm, unexciting thought, that the Sunday newspaper comes. Our week-day journals are called, and justly, sensational and overseasoned, but to the Sunday newspaper they are as diluted dish-water. Here are sixteen, yes, thirty-two pages, to tempt us from our Sunday rest. On the first page is a sensible article, usually written by some clergyman. This seems as it should be, so we peruse further. There are the usual miscellaneous items, and the regulation five pages of "want" advertisements, which, at fifty cents a head. net the publishers the modest sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars for each edition; you will see the inevitable montrosities which pass under the euphemism of fashion plates, with the latest from the Diamond and Prize ring. The bank burglar is always there, mysterious as ever, and you will be regaled by the appetizing details of the last railroad disaster or hotel holocaust. Then come three or four stories which will make your blood run cold or hot, nothing lukewarm about them, and the choice particulars of the latest elopements, divorces, jealousies, enough to made a man hold his nose while he reads them. All this is offered you for five cents, and with it, unless you have the constitution of a Hercules, are offered strained eyes, a benumbed brain, tired nerves and a wretched night. What a preparation for a weeks' work! We ought to have enough respect for the other six days of the week to let the Sunday paper alone.

The minister who wrote the article for the title page needs a word of warning. He must know that his name is lending respectability to a questionable cause, and he ought to know that the man who offers his respectability for sale will soon find his stock exhausted. If he has anything better to say Sundays than what he says in his pulpit, he is not doing his duty by his congregation.

The Sunday editor, who would have his pepper-and-ginger mixture supplant the Water of Life for our Sabbath drinking, is the merest self-seeker. He brings us in return for our day's time only a sheet, which in two days after its publication will be worth less than so much blank paper. Can we afford such a bargain? No! Then let us give him the cold shoulder in this world if not in the next.

O. J. SAWYER, '94.

Alumni Department.

[*At a meeting of the Associated Alumni, Commencement, '91, it was unanimously resolved: "That we heartily endorse* THE UNDERGRADUATE *and warmly recommend it to the Alumni as a valuable means for furthering our common interests in the college and our interests in each other." We respectfully solicit your subscriptions and contributions. Class-histories, reminiscences, obituaries, biographies, literary articles, and papers upon current topics are always in order and desired.*]

THE CLASS OF '51.

BY SAMUEL W. BOARDMAN, D. D.

[Continued from the October issue.]

Philo Keep was one of the oldest members and perhaps the most picturesque figure in the class. Tall, with high cheek bones, rather thin and of a sallow complexion, he had a knowing look, and would be likely to be noticed by a stranger. His head and shoulders swaying, somewhat consequentially, from side to side, as he came up the college walk, with the pronounced and swinging movement of his feet and limbs, gave him a kind of innocent and comic dignity, which his classmates will not forget. He acted spontaneously as umpire for other members of the class at times, awarding to each his due. On one occasion a political debate was carried on between two pronounced members of our class with their heads out of their windows, speaking across the front of Painter Hall. The first, a quiet Jeffersonian Democrat, afterward an accomplished professor, meekly stated some of the truisms of the Declaration of Independence or other self-evident principles. To his opponent, an en-

thusiastic Whig, now a learned judge, blessed with great capacity of lungs, these axioms seemed sadly out of place in support of the policy of the annexation of Texas, the Mexican war, etc.; they were to him like a red rag before the eyes of a maddened bull in the arena. He was indignant that any man of high ability, as he knew his opponent to be, could hold such views, and he accordingly bellowed out his answers in argumentative thunders. Of course every window was opened and the whole college were listening. Here was an occasion for the interference of Keep, who shouted to the clamorous Whig, "You *have* the weight of argument, but you needn't *holler* so about it." I heard of Keep as coming up to the old college buildings, at the beginning of the Fall term after our graduation, for the benefit of undergraduates, and encouraging those who were just entering college, as he leaned against Painter Hall and whittled, by telling them how he used to study when he was a Freshman. The subtleties of Greek syntax were not Keep's forte; when, therefore, in one recitation, Prof. Robbins put to him a very intricate question, drawn out at length, and requiring an answer equally elaborate, Keep benevolently cut short the whole business by naively answering, "yes!" I suppose we never saw Keep after commencement day. He went South. For several years his Northern friends did not hear from him. He taught, attained position and left a family in New Haven, Ky., where he died in 1877.

Kinney entered with us, but remained only one year. I know nothing of his subsequent history. I remember that Pearson once wrote about "grand old fellows," and that Kinney was one of them.

Alfred J. Long was one of seven who entered our class from Castleton Seminary; besides, Churchill and Keep had studied there, nine in all. He had a keen sense of justice and could not bear to see the wrong prevail. In our Senior fall a turbulent conflict arose, not an unusual thing between the Sophomores and Freshmen. After the professor who led our evening prayers in the chapel had quietly passed out, and Senior dignity had taken its way in decorum down the long stairs from the third story to the second, and the sober Juniors were sedately following on, a sudden rush was made from the upper regions beyond, and Sophomores and Freshmen appeared in one tangled mass at the head of the stairs, much after the style of the "rout and confusion" which Milton has described plunging over the walls of Paradise into chaos. Where the merits of the case were I never knew. But here was a field for Long, whose motto was *humani nihil alienum*. When the tumultuous mass had shot one another forward down the stairs, poured into the hall below, and rolled out upon the stone steps, curbed by the iron rail, and at last reached in struggling furore the ground, two figures were conspicuous in the whirlwind of conflict; Prof. Parker, like Washington at the battle of Monmouth, grabbing the combatants in either hand, and reducing them to order; and Long with sleeves rolled up, the blazing incarnation (I know not which side he espoused) of the sentiment, "*Fiat Justitia, ruat cœlum.*" Long studied medicine and long ago became the leading physician in Whitehall, N. Y., where he has held many offices of responsibility and honor both in the church and in civil affairs.

Luther Lowell entered with the Junior year, a strong man; always well prepared and capable of meeting well any demand. He became a lawyer and has been for many years a judge and a prominent citizen in Sycamore, Ill.

Charles D. Mead left our class because of ill health during the Junior year. He got up a club among the students to take the New York *Weekly Tribune*, saying he would rather go without one meal a day than be left ignorant of current events. One of the first numbers we received contained the announcement of the death of Edgar A. Poe in the streets of Baltimore, as the *Tribune* said, "of *mania potu*." Mr. Mead was an excellent scholar; has been a useful and successful teacher, and still resides at Middlebury.

Allen P. Northrup entered from Castleton, and was always faithful and successful. He went directly from commencement to the Flushing Institute, Flushing, L. I. For forty-one unbroken years he has been a teacher, principal and proprietor of the school, an officer in the church and Sunday school and chorister. Such a life of steady, faithful and unpretentious usefulness is one of which any class may be proud.

Thomas Scott Pearson was the oldest son of Rev. Ora Pearson of the class of 1820. He was fitted at Derby, where he was a schoolmate of Senator Proctor. His scholarship was good, though not especially marked in any direction. But in certain lines of work he was unparalleled. There has probably never been a graduate from Middlebury of equal adaptation for work as a statistician, genealogist and librarian. His early death was a loss to the world. I had many walks with

him over the hills about Middlebury, sometimes extending to a late hour in the evening. I asked him playfully, I think when we were Freshmen, by what he intended to immortalize his name. He instantly replied, and with a good deal of sense of reality in his voice, "By a Biographical Dictionary, if anything." I instantly rejoined: "You can do it if you live." But he did not live. He was tall, of large frame and very energetic. It was a part of his nature, as of Julius Cæsar's, when walking with any person, always to go one step before his companion. The movement up and down of his white hat, which he wore well back on his head, above the crowd of other students, as they went down the walks together after evening prayers or on other occasions was very noticeable. His exuberance gave him a dialect of his own. "He was a comical old scamp," was one of his expressions, by which he set forth probably a pretty favorable estimate of some old worthy, a governor, judge or doctor of divinity. He was far more active and accurate than any other alumnus in gathering up information about the graduates of Middlebury College. He published the first English catalogue of the graduates of this college, and the first of its kind in the country. He prepared three triennials with much care; the first in 1850, while he was still an undergraduate. It was a great improvement on any previous triennial. He prepared and read the necrological report at the annual meeting of the alumni in 1855, though his ominous cough indicated that his own name must be soon added to the list. He then said. "My college life, my whole past life, seems to me like a dream." He prepared 500 pages of foolscap for the press as an elaborate catalogue of the library of Middlebury College. He edited the sermons of Rev. Daniel Merrill. He taught at Peacham Academy and at Kimball Union Academy. He was a candidate for the legislature of Vermont in 1855. He was a member of several historical societies. In the third elegant volume of Memorial Biographies of members of the New England Historic Genelogical Society ten pages are devoted to his name, in company with sketches of Judge Hoar, Wm. H. Prescott, Washington Irving, Rufus Choate and others. He died at Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 10, 1856. If he had lived, he seemed sure to have made some decisive mark in the world. He intended to have entered the ministry. His name will not be for gotten so long as the history and statistics of the college are valued. He had a hearty and quite loud laugh, which shook the air and the building. Churchill used to say you had only to listen a little while at any time to know where Pearson was. While preparing the triennial in his Junior and Senior years, he was a somewhat privileged character in the chapel building, having the use of keys which admitted him to several of the upper rooms, useful for his investigations, and perhaps a key to the belfry. A young student of inquiring mind, seeing these ominous large keys in his hands, as he stood one day listlessly in the hall below, asked him naively to what those keys belonged, when Pearson, not thinking what he said, and without the least idea of arrogating the prerogatives of St. Peter, with a slight nod upward toward the roof, said in the most business-like way: "The keys of the upper regions."

Simeon Dana Post was a fine-looking young man, and was especially skillful in making measurements in the field when the class went out with Prof. Parker for surveying. He seemed to enjoy excellent health and spirits. He studied medicine and went West to fix upon a place for practice. He stepped off upon the platform for a moment at Castleton, where he had fitted for college and after graduation had studied medicine, as the cars passed through when he started for the West. One who met him then, said he never saw a young man going out to his life-work in higher spirits But under fatigue and heat, change of climate and water, he sickened and died a few days after his arrival at Geneseo, Ill., in 1855.

James Edwin Ross, son of Dr. Ross of Middlebury, boarded, of course, at home, and we saw a little less of him than if he had roomed at the college. He was a punctual student, good natured, and possessed of a dry wit. He has been a successful physician practicing for the last twenty-five years at Rome, Mich.

Nathan A. Smith was fitted at Castleton, and we were thrown together more there than in college, after the first term or two. He had good ability, and interesting traits of character. He became a lawyer in Columbus. Ga.; was mayor of the city and Judge of the Interior Court of Sumpter Co. I met him at Port Henry, N. Y., on a visit to his kindred, in the North, in 1872. He died in 1888.

Sidney K. Smith was an amiable man who entered our class at the beginning of the summer term of the Freshman year. He left after some two years for Amherst, where he was graduated with the class of 1852. I know nothing of his subsequent history.

Towner entered at the beginning and died at home of typhoid fever during the first term. He seemed to be a promising man. Pearson wrote of him and of Kinney as those "grand fellows". One harsh, raw, windy afternoon, a week or ten days after he had left us, then beginning to be sick, the College bell was tolled for his death. It was a very dismal sound, as several others were then very sick and death was in the air. No man could tell what a day would bring forth. The tutor, Albert Casey, and others were extremely low. All night in the later Fall how the windows did rattle, the November night winds sigh and howl; and the flickering reflection of one's lamp on the window-panes seem like the sinister glances of ghouls.

Walker was with us only for the Freshman Fall. He had the fever in a house near the college, but was not as sick as many others. I know nothing of his subsequent career. The class of 1851 had in it something of genius, in Casey, Hand and Pearson. It had something of superior scholarship. It had firmness and fidelity. Its members have lived useful lives. They have done and are doing good work. No life has been lost by dissipation. All have been, and the living are, if not in affluent, at least in comfortable circumstances. They are all good and useful citizens.

Obituary.

40. Henry B. Farrar

DIED at the home of his sister, Mrs. Daniel C. West, at Middlebury, Vt., Sept. 5, 1892.

He was always a bright student and was enabled to enter college at the age of 18 years. He graduated in the class of 1840, which is noted as sending out Hon. E. J. Phelps, Julius A. Beckwith, Dr. Henry N. Hudson and others who have gained renown.

After graduation he took up teaching as a profession and was engaged in the Southern States in the pursuance of this occupation. Here he met with success both as an instructor and in certain business ventures in which he was interested. At the breaking out of the war, from loyalty to the Union, he returned to the North, leaving his property in the hands of others, through whom it was nearly all lost during the conflict. He did not return South, but became interested in pottery works at Syracuse and Seneca Falls, N. Y. As a result of his heavy financial losses his health soon beame much impaired and he was compelled to retire from active business life. He soon settled upon a farm in Middlebury, Vt., and there has lived several years a quiet and uneventful life. At the time of his death he was 74 years of age.

Personals.

[*The editor of this department appreciates the fact that it is one of special interest to the alumni. But as they are widely scattered and many are unknown to him, he asks them to send to the Undergraduate from time to time whatever items they may come in possession of and thus aid in making this department what the alumni desire it to be and what the editors endeavor to make it.*]

'39. Melvin L. Gray, a noted lawyer of St. Louis, Mo., in sending a renewal of his subscription to the UNDERGADUATE says: "I was of the class of '39, of whom but a small number are now living. I like to keep track of the college and of its graduates that I have known. Over 50 years residence in Missouri has given me a vested interest in similar institutions in this State, especially in Dewey College at Springfield, Mo., of which I am a trustee, and in which I feel a deep interest. I wish your magazine and old Middlebury College the greatest measure of success and prosperity."

'44. Orlando Wooster of Rutland, spent Sunday, Oct. 16, in Middlebury visiting his son, Richard O. Wooster, of the class of '95.

'46. Ex-Congressman John W. Stewart, who is taking a foreign trip, when last heard from was at Munich. He expects to visit Venice, Rome and the most interesting places of southern Europe, then to return through Paris, reaching Middlebury some time in November.

'51. S. W. Boardman, president of Maryville College, completes his reminiscences of the class of '51 in this issue. The college year has opened there with a largely increased number of students. A new building 90 by 45 feet and three stories high, costing about $12,000, is nearly completed. Anderson Hall has been improved at an expense of $1200. A large room has been provided for its College Y. M. C. A. and another for the young ladies' literary societies. Electric lights and heating appliances and other improvements have been introduced.

'57. The following is clipped from the Lombard *Review* concerning Nehemiah White, president of Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill., since 1875: "Dr.

White had desired to retire from the duties of college work and devote himself exclusively to his studies and enjoyment of private life, but Lombard could not well lose his valuable services, so at the urgent request of the trustees and the friends of the University he consented to remain as dean of the Divinity School. Here his work has been of untold benefit to the church in years past, and it is hoped that it will continue to feel the influence of his teaching for many years to come."

'62. Lyman E. Knapp, governor of Alaska, is on a leave of absence and is visiting at his home in Middlebury, Vt.. He attended and took part in the dedicatory exercises of the World's Fair at Chicago, at which were the governors of nearly every State and Territory in the Union. With reference to Alaskan affairs he said that he did not think Alaska was as capable of self government as the other territories, but thought that her interests should be represented in congress in some way.

'63. The Chicago Evening Herald of Oct. 8, gives an extended report of one of the greatest social events of the week, when Miss Eliza Strong Tuthill, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Richard S. Tuthill, was married to Mr. Frank Ketcham of that city.

'64. Hon. J. K. Batchelder attended the dedication of the chapel at the Soldiers' Home at Bennington and gave the address in the formal presentation of it to the Home.

'66. Rev. E. J. Ranslow is chaplain of the present session of Vermont Senate.

'74. The death of Allen George Conant is reported to have occured during the summer in Salem, N. Y. He was a successful lawyer and was also well known for his fine scholarly and musical abilities.

'77. The Hartford *Courant* recently contained the following regarding W. I. Twitchell, Principal of the Arsenal School at Hartford, Conn.: "*A Pathfinder in American History* is the title of the welcome little manual of which Messrs. W. F. Gorchy and W. I. Twitchell of this city, both well known and successful teachers here, are the joint authors, and which is put forth in its first part in order to be available for school work at the beginning of the year. It teaches and preaches first of all the duty of patriotism and the value and feasibility of so directing grammar school study as to develp and direct that spirit at an early and hence impressionable age. The associative method is also emphasized and illustrated in the book; it advocates the connection of history with such other branches as language, literature and geography so as to impart more life and meaning to each and all." Prof. Twitchell also prepared a programme for Columbus celebrations in the public schools which was recommended by the State authorities for use in all the schools of Connecticut.

'79. H. W. Hulbert, professor of English Literature in Marietta College, is giving a course of lectures before the students on Political Science in addition to his regular work.

'80 H. R. Dorr was the Democratic candidate for representative to the State legislature from Rutland at the last election. Although it is a strong Republican town, he was not defeated until the fourth ballot, and then by only a slight majority.

'86. Rev. Henry L. Bailey, pastor of the Congregational church at Middletown Springs, Vt., preached in the Congregational church at Middlebury, Sunday, Oct. 16 and 23. He has been taking a vacation of two weeks but returned to his pastorate Oct. 25.

'88. Herbert W. Denio has severed his connection with the Port Henry National Bank and is now attending the New York State Library School at Albany, N. Y.

'91. Ezra W. Benedict has charge of a large and difficult school at Willsboro, N. Y.

Communications.

The editors do not assume responsibility for any article in thi column. Its sentiments, however, are open to editorial criticism.

EDITORS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE:

IT is my aim to bring before the students of Middlebury College a few propositions in favor of a debating society. I would ask if there is not need of such an organization. Week after week we hear men get upon the chapel stage and deliver orations in a half-hearted manner. The work of speaking an oration done, the majority of us feel that a great burden is taken from our shoulders. We have, or seem to have, no enthusiasm for the duty. We consider it irksome and plunge through it with a shudder. The sooner over the sooner we are free. We need, then, an awakened interest in oratorical work. We are in want of something that will infuse a spirit and an interest in our work upon the chapel stage. I believe

there is nothing better calculated to do this than a good, well-conducted society for literary and oratorical improvement.

Freed from the formality of platform work, the student will pursue such lines as the bent of his mind will direct him. He will lose his stiffness and awkward, stifled manner on the stage. He learns to use his mind and to find ready ways and phrases to express his meaning.

A debating club tends to bring out the personality of the speaker; the platform with its set speeches to smother it. The debater works for thought and expression; the orator on the chapel platform works for stage effect, or, to use the phraseology of the ball field, strives to make a grand stand play! The result is that his manner becomes cramped and narrowed. He buries himself and his thought in a vain attempt to recall the few words he has memorized.

Best of all arguments is the weapon it furnishes the debater. He learns to meet argument, as well as to produce it. He studies for force and expression in speech and forcible arrangement of thought and words. The result is that the speaker learns his own powers and learns how to use them.

I believe a debating society would be a grand addition to Middlebury, and not the least one of its advantages.

Why not have one?

D. J. HAYES, '94.

EDITORS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE:

ARE we, as a college, to support a Glee club during the coming season? At present interest in the same seems to be at a low ebb. This ought not to be. After the reputation the Glee club has gained and the good success with which it met last year, it would seem that it ought to go on with renewed enthusiasm and courage. With the exception of one man we have with us the members of last year's club, and it is probable, selections may be made from new material to form a creditable organization. Several of the leading members of last year's club will go out of college at the close of this year, but there are good voices in the lower classes, which, if properly trained, would be ready to take the lead in maintaining its usefulness. There is no need for a halt, but rather should be an increase in the enthusiasm and quality of work from year to year.

The club last year was a credit to the college, and it is an institution which we cannot well do without. Let each one of us, then, show an interest and do what we can toward having an active and successful Glee club in Middlebury College.

If the club should go forth this season under favorable circumstances, it is quite evident that it would meet with better success than it has yet achieved. As a representative of the college it ought to be kept up. Will there not be sufficient interest manifested by the faculty, members of the club and other students to reorganize and maintain a club for the coming year?

NINETY-SIX.

EDITORS OF THE UNDEDGRADUATE:

THERE is a certain class of people in every community, the world over, known as "sneak thieves." They never perpetrate crimes which would bring them within reach of the meshes of the law. That would bring upon them public disgrace and would make their chances in life little better than an exile. These parasites leave no place unvisited. When the owner is away, then they reap golden harvests. Starr Hall does not escape their pilfering. Every vacation, and especially during summer, while the cleaning and the repairing of the rooms are in process, they are present seeking what they may confiscate, and when the student returns at the opening of the college, he frequently finds the door of his room unlocked and books and other articles missing. It seems as if there must be a remedy for this evil. The doors are provided with locks and the keys left with the janitor or inspector of buildings, and it should be a part of their duty to see that they are kept locked. When a room is put in order lock it, and if the lock is defective, replace it with a new one. There seems to be no need of keeping a room open all summer and its contents left to be investigated by relic hunters. One student whose room was ransacked was heard to remark that he "would have his door nailed up next time." Some such measures will have to be resorted to if this "shop lifting" continues, or else we must take our possessions away with us at the end of every year. There is hardly a student who returned at the beginning of the year who has not missed some article of use or ornament. Will not something be done to protect the students from pilferers in the future?

BENJ. C. MINER, '93.

DELTA UPSILON CONVENTION.

The Delta Upsilon Fraternity held its fifty-eighth annual convention with the Colby Chapter at Waterville, Me., Oct. 12, 13 and 14. The first session was held in Soper's hall, which was tastily decorated in the fraternity colors, with R. J. Condon, Colby 86, vice-president of the fraternity, presiding. J. B. Slocum. Colby '93, opened the exercises with prayer. B. L. Whitman, LL.D., Brown '86, and president of Colby, addressed the delegates, gladly welcoming them, both as president of the college and as a member of the fraternity. In behalt of the delegates, Learned, Brown '93, responded in an appropriate and happy speech.

Nearly all of the twenty-seven active chapters sending two delegates and there being many visiting brothers, the attendance was large.

The business sessions were largely occupied in deliberations with reference to the admission of new chapters and regarding the Quarterly. Petitions for admission were received from students in Bowdoin, Swarthmore and Chicago University, and a charter was granted to Bowdoin. F. M Crossett, New York '84, who has been editor of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* for nine years, presented a report showing the publication to be in a prosperous condition and also tendering his resignation. This was accepted by the convention and W. L. Fairbanks, Tufts '87, was elected editor-in-chief for the ensuing year.

On Wednesday evening a reception was given in the spacious and elegant rooms of the Masonic Temple. At the close of the reception a ball was held, for which music was furnished by the Eighth Regimental Band of Salem, Mass. An enjoya ble evening was had by the delegates, who speak in glowing terms of the charms of the ladies of Maine.

A carriage drive, given by the alumni of the Colby chapter, took place Thursday afternoon. The guests were shown the points of interests in Waterville, and also some of the beauties of the surrounding country.

The public exercises were held in the Baptist church Thursday evening. Abijah Crane, Colby '56, made the invocation and George P. Morris, Rutgers '88, gave the history under the subject, "Given Right Prin ciples, Will Men of Character be Produced?" The poem, written by Denis Wortman, D. D., Amherst '57, owing to the writer's inability to be present, was read by his classmate, Dr. G. D. B. Pepper. The oration, "Greek Nationalism and Home Rule in the Fourth Century, B. C.," delivered by E. Benjamin Andrews, D D., LL. D., Brown '70, President of Brown University, held the close attention of the audience.

After the evening's exercises electric cars were chartered and the boys of Delta Upsilon took possession of Fairfield. After doing the town and having a thoroughly good time, a return was made to the "Elmwood," at Waterville, where the convention was quartered. On Friday morning all boarded the train for Danville Junction, where coaches were in waiting to convey the party to the beautiful and popular summer resort at Poland Springs.

After the drive the train was again taken for Portland, at which place occurred the initiation of sixteen men from Bowdoin and the Bowdoin chapter was officially added to the fraternity roll.

The final gathering of the convention occurred at the Falmouth House at Portland. Here an elaborate menu was served for about 200 plates. The after-dinner speaking was conducted with H. M. Lord, Colby '84, of the Rockland *Courier-Gazette* as toastmaster. Among those those who responded were Hon. E. F. Webb, Colby '60, F. M. Crossett, New York '84, Harold Hutchinson, Harvard '93, Prof. A. W. Anthony, Brown '83, and M. J. Hazeltine, Amherst '51. Great enthusiasm was manifested in frequent repetitions of "D. U., Delta U., Delta Upsilon" and other forms of the fraternity yell alternated with yells of different colleges represented.

The officers of the fraternity elected for the ensuing year were: President, Francis H. Snow, Williams '62; first vice-president, P. F. Whitten, Wisconsin '89; orator, Rev. O. P. Gifford, Brown '74; poet, John Love, Rochester '68; historian, W. B. Chamberlain, Michigan '84; chaplain, Rufus Cushman Flagg, Middlebury '69. The next conveution will be held with the chapter at the Universitv of Wisconsin. It was also decided that the convention in '94 should be held with the Union chapter, in response to a very urgent invitation from Mr. Bown of that University.

The convention, as a whole, was a most profitable and enjoyable one. No pains were spared by the men of Maine to make the visitors from other colleges have a trip that would long be remembered with pleasure. Much credit is due to the Colby chapter for the success with which the convention was carried on under its auspices.

Town and Campus.

Wilson '95 spent Sunday, Oct. 16, in Weybridge.

Ninety-six has 16 classicals and 15 Latin scientifics.

President Brainerd visited Montpelier Oct. 19 and 20.

There were no College exercises on Columbus Day.

The Sophomore co-eds have purchased new class hats.

Seeley '93 went on the excursion to New York city Oct 4.

Long '96 spent the first Sunday of October in Burlington.

Hesselgrave and Megathlin, '93, are boarding at Miss Comstock's.

B. D. Colby '92 of Lincoln, Vt., visited college October 21 and 22.

Leonard '95 conducted funeral services in Ripton Oct. 23, 25 and 28.

Fullam '95 went to his home, Oct. 5, to attend the wedding of a friend.

Clark '94 and Davis '96 went home Oct 7 and remained over Sunday.

The Sophmores made their first appearance on the chapel stage Oct. 22.

The Freshmen have elected Fitzpatrick as captain of their foot-ball team.

Miss Pollard '96 went to her home in Ludlow Oct. 20 to stay over Sunday.

A number of the students attended the social at Mr. Wainwright's, Oct. 14.

Wooster '95 was visited by his mother, Mrs. Wooster of Rutland, Oct. 22.

Pres. and Mrs. Brainerd gave a reception to the students Friday evening, Oct. 7.

Seeley '93 recently bagged 11 gray squirrels in a hunting trip to Snake Mountain.

Pfaff & Goodman's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in Town Hall, Oct. 24, was largely attended.

Fullam '95 received a short visit from his father, Mr. L. G. Fullam of Ludlow, Vt., Oct. 14.

Gifford '96 has been obliged to give up college for this year on account of trouble with his lungs.

The Freshman class voted not to challenge the Sophomores for a cane rush, by a small majority.

Reilly '91 is engaged in the insurance business in town and is boarding at the college boarding hall.

Ex-Janitor Bolton, with his team, is engaged in drawing loam to fill in low places about the campus.

Hollister, formerly of the class of '93, has recently been elected captain of the Williams base ball team.

Douglass, Megathlin, Long and Hesselgrave, '93, enjoyed a very delightful trip to Silver Lake, Oct. 21.

Several of the students attended the socials given at East Middlebury on the evenings of Oct. 14 and 21.

Vicker '95 preached in East Middlebury Sunday, Oct. 16, in place of Cady '93, the regular minister, who was sick.

Owen and Lavery of the class of '90 spent Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22 and 23, visiting friends in town and college.

The Freshmen class yell is Siss Boom, Siss Boom, Rilly Rally Rix, Rah Rah for Middlebury, Rah for Ninety six.

Ernest M. Long, who was in college one year, now of Williams '93, visited friends and former classmates Oct. 20–24.

Prof. Eaton has substituted the *Symposium* of Xenophon for selections from Plato, in the fall term of the Freshman year.

Clark '94 was confined to his room the first week of October on account of a bad hand caused by blood poisoning.

The Chi Psi Fraternity has initiated the following Freshmen: Carl M. Merrill, Chas. Fitzpatrick, Elmer H. Cutts, Leroy Carter Russell.

Scott '95 went home to Andover, Mass., Oct. 20 to take the freeman's oath and to register in order to be able to vote at the presidential election.

Cushman '95 went as delegate to the State convention held at Bennington Oct. 25 and 26 from the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church.

The College Republican club held a meeting Oct. 5 and appointed Sturtevant '93, Ross '93 and Barlow '95 a committee to draw up a constitution.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church held a sociable at R. Wainwright's, Oct. 14, which was attended by quite a number of the students.

A few of the boys serenaded the co-eds at Battell Hall on a recent evening, generously subsidizing a hand organ and attendant grinder for the occasion.

Several of the students were glad to make the personal acquaintance of Rev. H. L. Bailey '86, who occupied the Congregational pulpit Oct. 16 and 23.

The young ladies of the K. B. X. society gave a reception to several of the young men of the college at Battell Hall Friday evening, Oct. 28, and a very enjoyable time was passed.

Bigelow '94 and Roscoe '96 acted as ushers at the wedding of Miss Charlotte E. Bottum to Traverse H. Brown, Oct. 26, in the Congregational church at New Haven.

Leonard '95 preached in the Methodist church Sunday, Oct. 9, as the Rev. Mr. Heaxt was in New York receiving treatment for a throat difficulty. Vicker '95 supplied his pulpit in Ripton.

Prof. Plehn is giving a series of Bible lectures at the Baptist church, which are given immediately after the morning service. The talks at present are interested in the nature and growth of the Jewish church.

At a recent meeting of the Prohibition Club the following officers were elected: President, Hesselgrave '93; vice president, Eldridge '95; secretary, Seely '94; treasurer, Leonard '95; advisory committee, Megathlin '93, Leonard '95 and Douglass '95.

Cady '93 and Eldridge '95 attended the State convention of Independent Order of Good Templars held at Barton, Vt., Oct. 13–14–15. They represented the Cold Spring lodge of East Middlebury. Cady was elected State Grand Marshal of the order.

The Wm. E. Russell Democratic club was reorganized Oct. 4 and elected the following officers: Donoway '93, president; Hayes '94, vice president; Foster '96, secretary; Wynne '93, treasurer; advisory committee, Brown '93, Wynne '93 and Toleman '94.

Wynne '93 delivered the oration in East Middlebury, Oct. 21, at the school exercises held in commemoration of the discovery of America by Columbus. Sawyer '94 presided at the organ and furnished music for the occasion. Quite a number of the students were present.

October 10 Donaway '93, Miner '93 and Hasseltine '93 went to Waterville, Me., to attend the 58th annual convention of Delta Upsilon fraternity as representatives of the Middlebury chapter. They were gone about a week. It is universally conceded that the K. B. X. can't be excelled.

While Janitor Bean was down street one evening recently a couple of calves strolled up into the Chapel belfry. While Mr. Bean proved himself an expert in the handling of calves in helping them down, it is not usually thought that he was responsible for their being corralled for the night in the vicinity of Battell Hall.

At a class meeting of the Freshmen, Oct. 4, an attempt to fasten the door was made by the Sophmores; the attempt did not meet the approval of those inside and a rush and interesting scenes followed. All kept tolerably good natured and no serious harm was done the only loss being that of three teeth on the part of a man of '95.

The Republican club challenged their friends of the Democratic club to a debate on certain political questions; the challenge was not accepted, but followed by one on their part asking for a joint public debate on the issues of the campaign. Arrangements are completed for the debate, which will take place in the Town Hall, Friday evening, Nov. 4.

Several marked improvements are being made in the village, both in buildings and streets. The Battell block is nearly completed and is a fine three-story building of brick with marble trimmings. The M. E. church is nearing completion and will be a handsome structure, of modern architecture. The streets are being filled in and graded and work has begun on the abutments of the new stone bridge which is to span Otter Creek.

INITIATION BANQUET.

The annual initiation banquet of Alpha Alpha of Delta Kappa Epsilon was held Oct. 21 at the Pierce House, in Middlebury.

After doing ample justice to the repast the following toasts were responded to, Louis Taylor '93 being toast master: Delta Kappa Epsilon, A. A. Lavery '90; Alpha Alpha, F. B. Wynne '93; The Brotherhood, I. H. LaFleur '94; The Standard, F. B. Seeley '93; The Alumni, R. Lane '88; The Girls, H. G. Megathlin '93; The Days with D K. E., W. J. Douglass '93; The Plutonian Shore, E. W. Sniffen '96. In addition to the active members, Long, Williams '93, Owen '90, Lavery '90, Lane '88, Reilly '91, were present. The members from '96 are E. W. Sniffen, C. B. Long, W. T. Wasson and W. B. Wilcox.

Exchanges.

With this issue our exchange list is nearly complete, with representatives from High School up to University. The *Echo* from Colby University comes to us in an attractive form. It is one of our most valued exchanges. Another of our Maine visitors is *The Cadet.* The October number contains a brief account of the Miracle Plays. The author should have made an article, on so interesting a topic, longer. The *Olio* from Marietta College, leads off the new year with a first-class editorial. The same number contains an excellent essay on the teachings of the Marble Faun.

The *Institute Journal* from Rutland Classical Institute comes to us for the first time this year. It is a new birth in the field of school journalism, and we are pleased to accord it considerable praise. It is a very attractive journal, and we wish it success. The Kimball *Union* is also a new advent in journalistic fields. It is a bright little high school paper and has considerable merit. We are pleased to receive the *Dartmouth*, it has heretofore been a stranger to us. The Vassar *Miscellany* continues its high grade of literary excellence. The *Polytechnic* is, we believe, a high grade paper. Its aims are decidedly literary and has the make-up of a good college paper. With mention of these the exchange editor must stop; many more we would be glad to mention, but space forbids. College journalism begins the year above par. May it so continue.

Literary Notes.

In the November issues of the leading monthlies we find much interesting and valuable material regarding the late poet Whittier. One of his latest productions was a three-page poem which appears in the *St. Nicholas* Magazine, commemorating the visit of a party of young girls to the poet's home, and contains the following lines, which have a peculiar significance now that the good Quaker poet has passed away:

"I would not if I could repeat
A life which still is good and sweet;
I keep in age, as in my prime,
A not uncheerful step with time,
And, grateful for all blessings sent,
I go the common way, content
To make no new experiment.
On easy terms with law and fate,
For what must be I calmly wait,
And trust the path I cannot see,—
That God is good sufficeth me.
And when at last upon life's play
The curtain falls, I only pray
That hope may lose itself in truth
And age in Heaven's immortal youth,
And all our loves and longing prove
The foretaste of diviner love!"

In the *Atlantic Monthly* Mr. G. E. Woodbury has an article regarding Whittier as a religious poet. Among other things he says: "The Christian faith which he expressed is not to be limited as distinctly characteristic of New England. No one would make the claim. It was descended from the Quaker faith only as Emerson's was derived from that of the Puritan. Whittier belongs with those few who arise in all parts of the Christian world and out of the bosom of all sects, who are lovers of the Spirit. They illustrate the purest teachings of Christ, they express the simplest aspirations of man; and this is their religious life. They do not trouble themselves except to do good, to be sincere, to walk in the sight of the higher powers with humbleness, and if not without doubt, yet with undiminished trust. His expression of the religious feeling is always noble and impressive. He is one of the very few whose poems, under the fervor of religious emotion, have taken a higher range and become true hymns. Wherever Whittier touches upon the problems of the spiritual life he evinces the qualities of a great and liberal nature; indeed, the traits which are most deeply impressed upon us, in his character, are those which are seen most clearly in his religious verse. It is impossible to think of him and forget that he is a Christian. It is not rash to say that it is probable that his religious poems have reached many more hearts than his anti slavery pieces, and have had a profounder influence to quiet, to console and to refine. He was a man in whom religion was vital, just as affection for his home and indignation at wrong doing were vital. He gave expression to his manhood, and consequently to the religious life he led. There are in these revelations of his nature the same frankness and the same reality as in his most heated polemics with the oppressors of the weak; one cannot avoid feeling that it is less the poet than the man who is speaking, and that in his words he is giving himself to his fellow-men. Over and above his natural genius was character. At every step of the analysis, it is not with art, but with matter, not with the literature of taste, but with that of life, not with a poet's skill, but with a man's soul, that we find ourselves dealing; in

a word, it is with character almost solely: and it is this which has made him the poet of his people, as the highest art might have failed to do, because he has put his New England birth and breeding, the common inheritance of her freedom-loving, humane, and religious people which he shared, into plain living. yet on such a level of distinction that his virtues have honored the land."

In an editorial article regarding George William Curtis, the November *Century* says: "In American citizenship Curtis stood for the theory—as little disputed as it is rarely acted upon by those in power—that government, city, state, national, must not be for a ring or for a faction, but truly and absolutely for the people. He believed that in a political contest there were no 'victors,' in the barbaric sense, and that, therefore, there were no 'spoils' to divide, but only duties to distribute, policies to be carried out, and always the people to be served.

"The death of Curtis should not carry dismay into the ranks of his comrades and followers in the great cause of good government in which his brilliant abilities and pure fame were so completely enlisted. It should rather give new sacredness to that cause; it should enlist larger numbers in the warfare; and be the occasion of still more effective zeal. His idea of the public service was not a vain or chimerical one. It was practical in its truest sense; it is attainable; and upon its accomplishment depends the very life of the republic."

College Notes.

Seven colleges and universities now publish daily papers.

The University of Berlin offers 716 different lecture courses.

Cornell has sixteen men on the Leland Stanford University faculty.

Williams College will celebrate its one-hundredth anniversary in 1893.

Yale has received over $2,000,000 in gifts and bequests during the past year.

Williams, Dartmouth and Columbia have dispensed with commencement exercises.

William Astor has promised $1,000,000 to found a negro University in Oklahoma.

The course of the Harvard Medical School has been extended from three to four years.

Yale is to have a $50,000 telescope, fitted with a twenty-eight inch glass, one of the finest ever constructed.

A new college paper, the Daily Palo Alto, by the students of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, has made its appearance.

The United States is the only country in the world which spends more money upon education than upon war or preparation for war.

Ninety-four Universities of Europe have 1723 more professors and 41,814 more students than the 360 Universities of the United States.

The President of Stanford University, David Starr Jordan, receives $15,000 a year, the largest salary paid to any college president in the United States.

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